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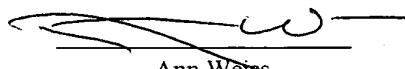
In re application of: Cohn, et al
Serial No. Unassigned
Filed: June 29, 2001
For: 3-PHOSPHOADENOSE-5-PHOSPHOSULFATE (PAPS)
SYNTHETASE PROTEINS AND METHODS FOR TREATING
OSTEOARTHRITIC DISORDERS
Examiner: Unassigned
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BOX PATENT APPLICATION
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment accompanies a divisional application of pending application Serial Number 09/399,212 filed September 17, 1999. The divisional application filed herewith is directed to Claims 41-45 and 102-108 which were designated Group IV in a restriction requirement mailed December 20, 2000. In connection with the above-captioned application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENT

A Version With Markings To Show Changes Made is included at pages 5-7, after
Applicant's Remarks.